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1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: DE 101 11 020 A1

D2: DE 102 29 020 A1

2 CLARITY

The features of the characterizing part in device Claim 1 relate to a method for using the device (i.e., for positioning the magnetic field sensor suite into the zero line of the magnetic field) and not to the definition of the device on the basis of its technical features. Therefore, the intended restrictions cannot be clearly inferred from the claim, in contradiction to the requirements of Article 6 PCT.

3 INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1 AND 7

Notwithstanding the aforementioned lack of clarity, the subject matter of Claims 1 and 7 is also not novel within the meaning of Article 33(2) PCT, so that the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT are not satisfied.

3.1 D1 discloses (cf. col. 3, paragraph 22; Fig. 1 and 2; the references in parentheses relate to this document):

- A connecting element configured for force measuring by a displacement between a magnet ("component 10") and a magnetic field sensor suite ("element 11"),
- the magnetic field sensor suite being supported on a holder ("carrier 12") in such a way that it is

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positioned in the zero line of the magnetic field of the magnet (cf. col. 3, lines 33-36).

Such a positioning of the magnetic field sensor suite by necessity requires (some type of) preceding movement and subsequent affixation of the holder. One skilled in the art recognizes this even without express mention.

Therefore, the subject matter of **Claim 1** is not novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

3.2 Moreover, it follows from the above comments that the method according to **Claim 7** is also gathered by one skilled in the art and is therefore also not novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

3.3 For the sake of completeness, it should be mentioned that the subject matter of Claims 1 and 7 is also disclosed by D2 (cf. p. 3, paragraph 17 - paragraph 18; Fig. 1 and 2).

4 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-6 and 8

The Claims 2-6 and 8 do not appear to include any additional features that, in combination with the features of any other claim to which these claims refer back, satisfy the PCT requirements with respect to inventive activity, since these features are either known from the documents cited in the search report or constitute measures that are customary in the art and are selected by one skilled in the art according to the circumstances.

5 ADDITIONAL OBJECTIONS

According to the requirements of rule 11.13 1) PCT, reference numerals not mentioned in the description may not appear in the drawings and vice versa. This

requirement has not been satisfied with respect to
reference numeral 11 and 13.